

# War Time 'Elevator Girls'

## Taking the Places of Men

### Make Good in Difficult Job

But Mayor's Committee of Women Advises Against Their Use.

#### THEIR HOURS TOO LONG

Buildings Where They Work Must Be Reputable, the Women Insist.

Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

No elevator girls for New York among the "heroes of war."

Not if the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense can help it. One piece

of projected war

service has been

found which one

not to attempt—

quite special con-

ditions. That one

is elevating

(or is it elevat-

ing?) if wages, hours and environ-

ment are to be the same for women as for men.

There is even now a real demand for elevator girls. Several adver-

tises ask for them daily. At least

one large office building has tried

them out successfully. Nevertheless,

the occupation is one which girls and

women are advised not to enter—even

to set men free for the trenches—by

the Mayor's Committee of Women.

This committee has a clearing

house for all the important non-

commercial employment bureaus in

the city at No. 6 East Thirty-ninth

Street, and the clearing house has a

bureau of investigation. Mrs. P. J.

O'Connell, head of this bureau, has

arranged for girls in apart-

ments, houses on One Hundred and

Ninety-ninth Street have placed ad-

vertisements in the papers for hours during the last few days.

In the apartment house under his charge he employs four girls, whose duties are

arranged in rotation. One day is

given to the switchboard, the next to

the freight elevator, the next to the

passenger elevator, and each girl has

a day off every four days. These girls are given the best pay during

the day because the lunch hour at

noon, they are paid \$25 a month, and

an old man is on duty at night.

"In such conditions the work used

to be injurious. But there are no

labor laws covering elevator op-

erators, and we feel that great care

should be exercised in permitting

girls to take up the work."

At present there is no place where

A women can learn to run ele-

vators, although the Y. W. C. A.,

at No. 600 Lexington Avenue, may

give such a course in the near

future. Your average superintend-

ent says he can teach a girl to run

an elevator in half an hour, but the

girls given a trial in the Equitable

Building were trapped for two weeks

before being allowed to run elevators

alone. In that building, incidentally,

they have made good, and many men

who go into the army will be replaced

by women—first being given

to the wives of the present operators.

If you insist on being managed by

girl, here are the rules which the

Employment Clearing House suggests

for your protection, and which it will

enforce for any elevator girl it places:

No night work.

Careful training.

Regular business hours.

Promises of unimpeachable reputa-

tion.

SUFFRAGISTS are devoting them-

selves loyally to the programming

of food conservation. In Nassau

County the women, under the lead-

ership of Mrs. Frederick Stuart Green,

district leader for the New York State

Woman Suffrage Party, have printed

at their own expense 100,000 of the

food administration registration

cards, and are making a definite, con-

certed drive for the mobilization of

every woman in the county for food

conservation.

Food conservation clubs are being

formed by Suffragists in every village

in Columbia and Greene Counties,

and a lecturer on domestic science

and the canning and drying of food

has been engaged for three months.

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dred thousand women in this country

who, like Mrs. Blake, have proven

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officials to-day. Half of the 6,000

men who were out on strike have re-

turned to work, the others having ac-

cordedly been sent back as agreements

are signed for their shop. All of the con-

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